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OCEAN, BAR, BAY, DOCK AND RIVER

General Manager R. P. Schwerin, is in the city channel off Tongue Point. She too will go to sea this morning on the Wallula. This will clear the lower river of outward bound square-riggers.

The big steamship Nevada which was due to berth at the A. & C. dock at 7:30 o'clock yesterday morning, spent the day on the Columbia bucking a dense fog. When the Lurline passed her she was at anchor just this side of Warrior Rock, but will make it here this morning sometime.

The Lurline got away from this port at 7:15 o'clock last evening with the following people listed for up-river points: Messrs. D. R. Bernard, J. R. Craig, and County Attorney Snelling, of Cathlamet. Captain Archie L. McNeill came down in command of the flagship last night relieving Captain McCully for one round run. His many friends here were glad to meet him again.

The steamship Breakwater (and her whistle), is due to arrive in this morning from the Coos country. She will have the hull of the Callender steamer Myrtle, from Prosper, in tow and will drop her in this port. The Myrtle will be instantly equipped with the engines of the Vanguard and put to work with the rest of the Callender fleet.

The big 12-foot boiler for the Callender flagship Melville will be completed this week at the Astoria Iron Works, and it will be set and the engine connected up by New Year's Day, when the fine tug will go into commission again, after four or five months of idleness.

The schooner barge Belle landed at the Ninth street dock and unloaded 17 cords of fine dry alder wood for the Parker House people. Such wood makes an ordinary fuel user's "mouth water." She hailed from Blind Slough.

The steamer Alliance sails at 7:30 o'clock this morning for Coos Bay points as usual; and will leave the Callender dock.

The French bark Ville du Havre, Captain Hallute, grain laden for the United Kingdom for orders, came down the river yesterday and

The sea tug Geo. R. Vosburg arrived down yesterday evening late from Portland, with a couple of big barges laden with railway supplies for the Nehalem, and she will leave out this morning with one of them, returning for the other.

The steamers Julia B. and Gen'l Washington went on to the dot yesterday afternoon off on their run to Knappton and Deep River and made a pretty race across the Columbia, but just as they approached Knappton, they ran into a fog bank and the watchers from this side were denied a sight of the finish.

The British ship Brodick Castle, Captain Taylor, arrived down yesterday morning on the lines of the Queen, and is at anchor off the Tongue, ready to take despatch to the high sea, on the Wallula this morning. She carries grain, to Europe.

The steamer F. S. Loop finished loading at the Columbia mills at Knappton yesterday and sailed for the south. The steamer Yellowstone completed her load at the same place last evening.

The steamer Homer came in from San Francisco last evening and went direct to the Callender dock where she discharged a lot of local freight before departing up stream.

The Rose City got away over the bar for California at an unearthy hour yesterday morning. She had a good big cargo below and plenty of people in the cabins.

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If you suffer from bleeding, itching, blind or protruding Piles, send me your address, and I will tell you how to cure yourself at home by the new absorption treatment; and will send some of their home treatment free for trial, with references from your own locality if requested. Immediate relief and permanent cure assured. Send no money, but tell others of this offer. Write today to Mrs. M. Summers, Box P, Notre Dame, Ind.

WATERMAN'S

SPECIAL FOR MONDAY ONLY!

On Monday we will give with every 10c purchase a cake of LAUNDRINE FREE. Guaranteed to be pure and will not injure the most delicate fabrics

We handle a complete line of the famous Oatine Toilet Articles.

Have you seen our Sanitary Tooth Brushes for 25 cents each

We are agents for the famous "Seely" Sanitary Fireless Cooker, saves 90 per cent of your fuel bill. Come and investigate.

Watch Whose Windows for Prices?

WATERMAN'S

MORE STRAIGHTAWAY SEAWALL TALK

FROM A MAN WITH REASONS OF HIS OWN FOR FIGHTING THE MEASURE.

Editor Astorian: "The Budget nagged the city council into building the Irving avenue boulevard, a thing of beauty, at public expense, and now it is making a desperate effort to gull the taxpayers into building a so-called seawall—a project which, if carried out, would probably end in wiping Astoria out of existence. Should not the people who support the Budget be given a fair deal on all public questions; that is, be told the truth and the whole truth. Just think of a newspaper asserting that only one mill can be levied by the seawall commission when the bill plainly reads five mills, and again it says and reiterates that the taxpayer whose property is assessed at \$500 will only have to pay \$2.50 in five years. If these false statements are made through ignorance, is the paper capable of giving advice? and if such statements are made to delude the voter, is such conduct honorable to those who furnish the paper its bread and butter? For one, I don't think the question of a seawall under present conditions, is worthy of consideration, but the question is before the voters and must be discussed.

The bill proposes the sale of \$300,000 in 5 per cent bonds to run up to 40 years. This \$300,000 if placed in a savings bank, at 5 per cent interest, for 40 years, would increase to \$2,043,000. Our assessment in the city this year is \$3,470,000. One amount divided by the other will show that the wooden bulkhead proposed will cost each taxpayer the sum of \$600 on every \$1000 assessed valuation. The bill says the bulkhead must be maintained. Ah, there's the rub. Men versed in such matters say the upper part of a wooden bulkhead must be renewed every 10 years. Millions and perhaps billions.

Can any one prophesy the end of such a fool undertaking? And when this great bulkhead is complete you can't make a man fill his lot that lies behind it, except by going into court and proving that the public health is endangered, and you couldn't prove it if you tried, especially when lots are to be confiscated by the hundreds. And these bonds can be sold at 10 cents on the dollar if the seawall commission so desire. One strong advocate of the seawall says we shouldn't expect to obtain more than 80 cents on the dollar for the bonds. Mind you the \$600 on each \$1000 valuation is on the present assessment, and the five mills is to be on increased assessments in the future to build and maintain and pay the officials. As I read the ticket we are asked to borrow \$300,000 to build a bulkhead; to levy for 40 years, five mills annually, on the assessed valuation of Astoria property, which tax would amount to \$17,350 if levied this year. How the \$300,000 is ever to be paid back to the bond buyer, ask some one smarter than I.

Then next we have before us the Port of Astoria bill, which would produce \$17,350 on this year's valuation. This is a five mill tax forever, and would increase as valuations increased. Then the chamber of commerce bill wants \$5400 a year, to keep it going forever; but this tax does not increase with increased valuations.

If all this mess is passed at the election now only a few days off, God help the poor taxpayer and the sooner he throws up the sponge the better for himself and family.

"W. E. DEMENT."

PROPER PLACE TO TRADE

- Oregon Dressed Spring Chickens...18c, 20c
Oregon fowls...16c
Beef to boil...5c to 8c
Prime Rib Roast Beef...10c, 12 1/2c
Tenderloin flat-bone and sirloin steaks...10c
Government Inspected Kettle Rendered Lard, 5-lb. pails...70c
Small Pig Hams...17 1/2c
Best Breakfast Bacon...17 1/2c
Veal Roast...8c, 10c, 12 1/2c and 15c
Fine Shoulder Roast of Pork...10c, 12 1/2c
Mutton Roast...8c, 10c, 12 1/2c and 15c
Beef Pot Roasts...6c, 7c, 8c
Ranch Eggs...35c
Choice Creamery Butter...70c

We make a specialty of delicious home-made sausage made twice daily at our plant. Pay us a visit. Satisfaction guaranteed.

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Especially in buying presents for men, young men, boys, you'll find us able to give you a good deal of help.

We've got a big lot of things for men's gifts; things boys like too; masculine things; you'll make a hit if you give any one of fifty or a hundred things we can show you here, costing anywhere from 25 cents up to \$30.00 or \$40.00.

No male person, for example, ever has more handsome neckties than he wants; see what 50 cents, \$1.00, \$1.50 will do for you in neckwear here.

Same way with fine handkerchiefs—never too many, or fine hosiery—always acceptable; or suspenders, gloves, small jewelry, studs—always wanting them.

We'll show you some elegant walking sticks and umbrellas, from \$1.50 up; some of the better ones heavily silver mounted. We'll show you some very stunning fancy waistcoats from \$3.50 up. If you want to go in for more substantial things, get him a

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fine suit or overcoat; or a full dress or Tuxedo suit. You'll never get more money's worth; nor better clothes.

Anything bought may be exchanged at any time; if he doesn't like it, bring it back



SWEATER COATS

CHRISTMAS GOODS

GOOD ATTENDANCE IN COUNTRY SCHOOLS

DESPITE BAD WEATHER AND DISTANCES THE RECORDS ARE VERY GOOD.

Miss Warren, superintendent of the county schools, has compiled some interesting figures in relation to the attendance in the country schools. Despite the inconveniences and difficulties that often beset the children of the district schools—of distances and bad weather—these figures show pretty conclusively that the sturdy little country children "get there just the same." In the Necanicum district, Miss Charlotte Church, teacher, the percentage of attendance during the recent term was 100. That is, there were no absentees. Even the lowest percentage of attendance during the recent term was good. Following is a tabulated statement of all the districts in the county except one, which has not yet been heard from—the tabulation showing the location of the school, the teacher, the number of pupils and the percentage of attendance:

- Warrenton—Myrtle Porter, 22 pupils, 92 per cent.
Knappton—Florence MacFarlane, 10 pupils, 98 per cent.
Westport—T. W. Tandy, 28 pupils, 93 per cent.
Jewell—Mrs. C. E. Smith, 12 pupils, 87 per cent.
Seaside—J. W. Branstater, 196 pupils, 93 per cent.
Necanicum—Charlotte Church, 9 pupils, 100 per cent.
Melville—Mary Clark, 15 pupils, 95 per cent.
Knappton—W. A. Ogden, 36 pupils, 92 per cent.
District 17—Maude Chambers, 14 pupils, 97 per cent.
Fern Hill—Lillian Juni, 19 pupils, 91 per cent.
Vesper—Anna Jurmu, 9 pupils, 93 per cent.
District 20—Arabella Davies, 15 pupils, 91 per cent.
Olney—A. N. Lowe, 25 pupils, 99 per cent.
Svenson—Sophie Anderson, 30 pupils, 91 per cent.
District 29—Nellie Anderson, 24 pupils, 96 per cent.
Olney—Josephine Dow, 11 pupils, 95 per cent.
Clifton—Elsie Conklin, 18 pupils, 92 per cent.
Hammond—George Bethers, 102 pupils, 95 per cent.
Warrenton—J. T. Lee, 68 pupils, 97 per cent.

NEW TO-DAY

Cheap Coal

Kelley the Coal and Wood Dealer will deliver and place in your cellar a ton of the best coal for \$7.00—same coal for \$6.00 at the yard. Phone Main 2191. Barn 15th and Duane. All kinds of cordwood and hardwood inside fire and boxwood for sale. The very best board to be obtained in the city is at "The Occident Hotel." Rates very reasonable.

Clean Your Chimneys.

George Ludwig, an expert chimney sweep is in the city and will make your chimney clean and safe from fire for \$2 or two chimneys for \$3. Place your order at the Astoria hotel or telephone Main 3521, or leave your orders at the Astorian office.

Election Returns.

Full election returns will be displayed in black and white at the Wigwam saloon, corner of Eighth and Astor streets, on the evening of election day, Wednesday next, December 9th, so that all who will may see.

The Palace Restaurant.

Any phase of hunger can be daintily gratified at any hour of the day or night at the Palace Restaurant. The kitchen and dining room service are of the positive best. Private dining rooms for ladies. One call inspires regular custom. Try it. Commercial street, opposite Page building.

Try our own mixture of coffee—the

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NAME MEANS SOMETHING.

When A. E. Petersen built and named the "Modern" barber shop, he meant that it should stand for what it was called. No patron has missed a single feature of the modern tonorial parlor at that house; and every new device in the way of perfect comfort and service is constantly added as it develops. The latest is an expert bootblack, the best in the business; a qualification that makes his employment really modern.

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